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Memorandum

To: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs

Directors, State Operated Programs EC Coordinators, Charter Schools

From: Sherry Thomas, Director 547

Exceptional Children Division

Reporting of 2019-2020 Training Hours for Interpreters and Transliterators

Educational interpreters and cued language transliterators are required to earn 15 hours of job-related training each year according to State Board of Education Policy and NC General Statute <u>G.S.115C:110-2</u>. All public schools, including charter schools, report to the Exceptional Children Division the training that their interpreters/transliterators have earned each school year.

The focus on job-related training is to improve the professional's knowledge and skill and ensure students with hearing loss who require an interpreter or transliterator as a related service, accommodation or supplemental aid or service, can access the curriculum and the total school environment in accordance with FAPE. Training includes participation in DPI-sponsored interpreter and transliterator trainings; onsite or online North Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (NCRID) and Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) sponsored workshops; and college and university courses that are directly related to interpreting and transliterating.

There are multiple online opportunities for educational interpreters to gain the required hours prior to July 15 for those who have not already completed their hours for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information about these trainings please go to www.rid.org.

The process for reporting training hours is completely electronic this year. You may access the form by using this link, https://bit.ly/3caTpwE. One form should be completed for each interpreter or transliterator that you employ or with whom you contract. Training hours from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020 should be reported by July 15, 2020.

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